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Crop Weather

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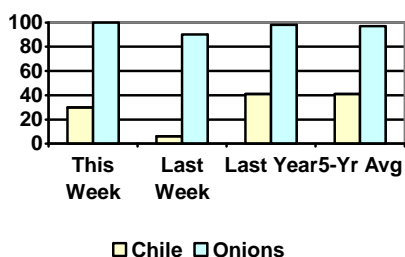
CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING MARCH 23, 2008

NEW MEXICO: There were 6.5 days suitable for field work. Topsoil moisture was 52% very short, 32% short and 16% adequate. Wind damage was 20% light and 15% moderate. Freeze damage was 11% light and 14% moderate. Farmers continue to prepare fields and irrigation systems for spring planting. Alfalfa was reported as 6% poor, 27% fair and 67% good. Irrigated winter wheat was reported as 9% poor, 28% fair, 59% good, and 4% excellent, with 40% being reported as grazed. Dry winter wheat was reported as 17% very poor, 73% poor, and 10% fair, with 7% being reported as grazed. Total winter wheat was reported as 10% very poor, 47% poor, 17% fair, 24% good, and 2% excellent, with 20% being reported as grazed. Onions were reported as 10% fair, 80% good and 10% excellent. Lettuce was reported as 20% fair, 20% good and 60% excellent. Chile was reported as 9% poor, 42% fair, and 49% good with 30% reported as planted. Cattle conditions were reported as 26% poor, 35% fair and 39% good. Sheep conditions were reported as 5% very poor, 19% poor, 32% fair and 44% good. Range and pasture conditions were reported as 17% very poor, 45% poor, 28% fair and 10% good. Livestock producers have been busy supplemental feeding and hauling water, as well as shearing sheep and helping with calving.

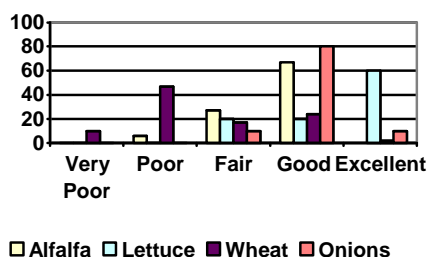
CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

CROP PROGRESS		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
CHILE	Planted	30	6	41	41
ONIONS	Planted	100	90	98	97
WHEAT	Grazed	20	18	N/A	N/A

Planting Progress



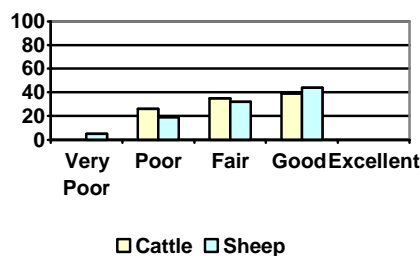
Crop Conditions



CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	---	6	27	67	---
Lettuce	---	---	20	20	60
Onions	---	---	10	80	10
Wheat (All)	10	47	17	24	2
Cattle	---	26	35	39	---
Sheep	5	19	32	44	---
Range/Pasture	17	45	28	10	---

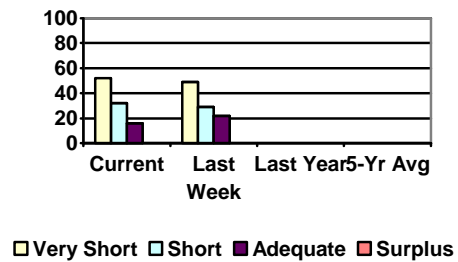
Livestock Conditions



SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	58	20	22	---
Northeast	47	42	11	---
Southwest	38	62	---	---
Southeast	61	14	25	---
State Current	52	32	16	---
State-Last Week	49	29	22	---
State-Last Year	---	---	---	---
State-5-Yr Avg.	---	---	---	---

Soil Moisture



WEATHER SUMMARY

Temperatures have remained mostly near normal. Early in the week some Southeastern areas saw rain showers while over the weekend the Eastern Plains saw light rain and snow showers.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS - MARCH 13 - 23, 2008

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	Week 03/13 03/23	Month 03/01 03/23	Accum. 2008	Normal Mar	Normal Jan-Mar
Farmington	41.6	65	21	0.07	0.07	2.13	0.81	1.97
Gallup	38.4	64	13	0.00	0.10	2.91	1.05	2.59
Capulin	35.7	66	15	0.37	1.02	1.68	0.89	1.85
Chama	31.6	53	8	0.01	0.14	5.19	1.99	5.34
Johnson Ranch	37.1	64	13	0.00	0.00	1.47	0.74	1.98
Las Vegas	39.3	64	17	0.01	0.22	0.89	0.63	1.71
Los Alamos	40.6	62	24	0.00	0.34	2.22	1.22	2.88
Raton	39.2	71	14	0.21	0.39	0.65	0.83	1.84
Red River	26.9	51	7	0.00	0.52	0.52	1.78	4.07
Santa Fe	42.9	68	23	0.00	0.39	2.25	0.74	2.06
Clayton	43.9	76	26	1.14	1.73	2.02	0.55	1.10
Clovis	49.4	77	29	0.00	0.38	2.07	0.59	1.49
Roy	42.9	70	22	0.15	0.56	1.02	0.55	1.32
Tucumcari	49.4	80	28	0.12	0.24	0.42	0.40	1.13
Grants	37.1	68	10	0.00	0.09	1.78	0.50	1.50
Quemado	35.9	66	7	0.00	0.00	1.14	0.80	2.35
Albuquerque	48.1	74	25	0.00	0.00	0.80	0.54	1.44
Carrizozo	46.1	71	17	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.57	1.74
Socorro	49.1	78	24	0.00	0.00	0.14	0.27	1.05
Gran Quivira	46.6	69	19	0.00	0.28	0.94	0.72	2.24
Moriarty	37.6	70	14	0.00	0.45	1.21	0.53	1.44
Ruidoso	42.6	65	17	0.00	0.15	1.35	1.33	3.61
Carlsbad	55.4	85	31	0.00	0.07	0.09	0.30	1.00
Roswell	52.9	84	27	0.00	0.19	0.25	0.45	1.34
Tatum	49.8	79	21	0.00	0.11	0.15	0.52	1.41
Alamogordo	52.1	78	30	0.00	0.00	0.20	0.46	1.67
Animas	51.4	80	26	0.00	0.00	0.70	0.47	1.66
Deming	52.6	82	22	0.00	0.00	0.42	0.34	1.36
Las Cruces	53.8	80	34	0.00	0.00	0.17	0.22	1.05
T or C	52.4	79	29	0.00	0.00	0.11	0.34	1.18

(T) Trace (-) No Report (*) Correction

All reports based on preliminary data. Precipitation data corrected monthly from official observation forms.

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